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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SOVIET PRESS - SEPTEMBER 16

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS:

-- U.S. COVERAGE CONSISTS OF NUMEROUS SMALL ARTICLES--  
MOSTLY NEGATIVE, AND A LENGTHY IZVESTIYA ARTICLE BY POLITICAL  
COLUMNIST V. MATVEYEV BASED ON MATVEYEV'S PARTICIPATION IN  
STATE DEPARTMENT STUDY TOUR.

-- AFRICA COVERAGE IS MODERATE IN VOLUME, ANTI-U.S.  
ASPECTS REMAIN MUTED WITH EXCEPTION OF PRAVDA'S  
"COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY V. TYURKIN. TYURKIN'S ARTICLE  
IS REHASH OF PREVIOUS SOVIET CRITICISM OF U.S. POLICY  
TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OF SECRETARY'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY.  
HOWEVER, ARTICLE, WHILE CRITICAL, IS LESS VITUPERATIVE  
THAN LAST WEEK'S COVERAGE. 'IZVESTIYA'" ARTICLE ON SECRETARY'S  
TRIP AND U.S. POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ARTICLE SAYS  
ESSENCE OF "NEW U.S. INITIATIVE" IS TO CREATE "ILLUSION"  
AMONG AFRICANS OF GRADUAL TRANSFER OF POWER IN RHODESIA  
TO AFRICAN MAJORITY. AS PART OF ITS WEEKLY FEATURE ON  
INIQUITIES OF "WORLD OF CAPITAL", IZVESTIYA HAS  
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MATERIAL FROM GERMAN MAGAZINE "STERN" ON IMPRISONMENT  
AND TORTURE OF BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

-- IN COMMUNIST AFFAIRS, PRAVDA'S YU. YASNEV  
WRITES FROM AMSTERDAM THAT DUTCH CP CC PLENUM FOUND  
PARTICIPATION IN ECPC "CORRECT AND USEFUL", DECIDED TO  
WORK FOR "INTERNATIONALIST UNITY" OF COMMUNISTS WITH DUE  
REGARD FOR NON-INTERFERENCE, FREE CHOICE OF PATHS, ETC.,

AND DREW ATTENTION TO NEED TO "STRUGGLE AGAINST NEGATIVE PHENOMENA INTERFERING WITH THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT".

-- ON FRANCE, PRAVDA CUTS SECTION IN PARIS TASS REPORT ON BARRE STATEMENT TO NATIONAL DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON NUCLEAR BASIS OF DEFENSE STRATEGY CARRIED IN KZ; KZ CUTS SECTION ON RAISING MILITARY BUDGET FROM 17 TO 20 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET BY 1982 CARRIED IN PRAVDA.

-- ON SPAIN, PRAVDA CARRIES BRIEF ITEM ON HOUSE APPROVAL OF U.S. MILITARY AID FINANCING IN ACCORD WITH BASE AGREEMENT.

-- ON PORTUGAL, PRAVDA'S LISBON CORRESPONDENT V. YERMAKOV CONTRIBUTES LONG DETAILED COMMENTARY ON LAND REFORM WHICH PAINTS IT AS AFM INITIATIVE NOW THREATENED BY PURGES OF LEFTISTS IN MINISTRIES AND GENERAL PRESSURE FROM SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT, BUT SUPPORTED BY NEW PEASANT-WORKER "SMYCHKA" (ALLIANCE).

-- ON TURKEY, PRAVDA ANKARA CORRESPONDENT A. FILIPPOV'S REPORT ON BREAKDOWN OF EC-TURKEY TALKS IS WHOLLY SLANTED TO TURKISH SIDE, DOWNBEAT ON PROSPECTS.

-- THERE IS NO COVERAGE OF LEBANESE EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL PRESS.

-- IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA REPORT THAT NEW NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR, KIM JE BON KPHONETIC) PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS ON SEPTEMBER 15 TO N.M. MATCHANOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF SUPREME SOVIET. TASS ACCOUNT OF ENSUING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSION CITES KIM STRESSING KOREAN PEOPLE'S DETERMINATION TO REBUFF AMERICANS AND SOUTH KOREANS ON ROAD TO "PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION", AND MATCHANOV ENDORSING WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND SUPPORTING DPRK COMMITMENT TO "DETENTE ON KOREAN PENINSULA."

-- IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT THE INDIAN NAVAL SHIP "HIMGIRI", UNDER THE COMMAND OF ADMIRAL SECOND RANK N. ANAND, WOULD PAY AN "OFFICIAL FRIENDLY VISIT" TO ODESSA FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO 21.

2. U.S. COVERAGE IS RATHER HEAVY, PRESENTING A MIXED PICTURE OF POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ELEMENTS. THERE ARE MANY SHORT ARTICLES -- MOSTLY CRITICAL, AND A QUITE LENGTHY IZVESTIYA ARTICLE ON THE APPEARANCE OF AN ANTI-TECHNOLOGICAL

MOOD AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

-- FIRST AND FOREMOST IS IZVESTIYA POLITICAL COLUMNIST MATVEYEV'S LONG ARTICLE BASED ON HIS PARTICIPATION IN RECENT DEPARTMENT STUDY TOUR OF U.S. IN CALM, REFLECTIVE MANNER, MAYVEYEV DESCRIBES BOTH ADVANCED STATE OF U.S. TECHNOLOGY, AND GROWING AMERICAN FEELING THAT THIS TECHNOLOGY IS ONLY OF LIMITED USE IN SOLVING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH PLAGUE AMERICA. MATVEYEV CONCLUDES BY REFUTING CRITICISM OF HIS PREVIOUS U.S. TRIP ARTICLE MADE BY AN AMERICAN WHO ACCUSED HIM OF BEING A PESSIMIST. ON THE CONTRARY, SAYS MATVEYEV, HE IS AN OPTIMIST WHO CONSIDERS THE GROWING CONVICTION OF AMERICANS THAT U.S. PROBLEMS DEMAND FIRST PRIORITY ATTENTION A NEW AND POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

-- BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE ON JUBILEE ISSUE OF "SOVIET LIFE" WHICH MARKS ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH GREETINGS FROM BREZHNEV TO AMERICAN READERS.

-- U.S. ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ARE REFLECTED IN PRAVDA'S PIECE ON FORD MOTOR COMPANY STRIKE, IZVESTIYA'S ARTICLE ON U.S. - BRITISH CIVIL AVIATION DIFFERENCES, AND KZ'S ITEM ON BRIBERY CHARGES AGAINST GRUMMAN AIRCRAFT COMPANY.  
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-- KZ HAS ARTICLE ON "RECORD" U.S. DEFENSE BUDGET WHICH PENTAGON PLANS TO INCREASE EVEN MORE, NOT ONLY NEXT YEAR BUT ALSO DURING THIS ONE.

-- KZ HAS WASHINGTON TASS REPORT ON SENATOR MCGOVERN'S CALL FOR U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM ROK.

-- BOTH PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS NEW YORK U.S. ELECTION ROUNDUP WHICH DESCRIBES CARTER'S PUBLIC OPINION POLL LEAD OVER PRESIDENT SLIPPING DUE TO CARTER'S WAFFLING ON ISSUES, BUT ALSO DUE TO HIS STATEMENT ABOUT APPLICATION OF "ECONOMIC PRESSURE" IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION.

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